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1. IN THE WAKE OF PRESIDENT DAOUD'S INTERVIEW REPORTED IN KABUL TIMES (REFTEL A), AND HIS REMARKS REGARDING THE "CONFUSED SITUATION" IN PAKISTAN, AFGHAN MEDIA HAS BEGUN TO REPORT ON VIOLENT CLASHES WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN AFGHANISTAN'S EASTERN NEIGHBOR. BRIEF REPORTS ON RADIO AFGHANISTAN HAVE BEEN CARRIED ON MAY 21 AND 23, APPARENTLY PROVOKING A PAKISTAN RADIO RE-BUTTAL FROM QUETTA -- HEARD HERE THE EVENING OF THE 24TH -- THAT OFFICIAL SOURCES IN ISLAMABAD HAD DENIED THE VERACITY OF THE AFGHAN BROADCASTS. IN ADDITION, THE AFGHAN PRESS CHIMED IN ON MAY 22, 23, AND 24 (KABUL TIMES) WITH REPORTS WHICH ESSENTIALLY CONCENTRATED ON VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION, BUT WHICH ALSO MENTIONED "TALKS" BETWEEN PM BHUTTO AND LEADERS OF

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THE OPPOSITION.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THIS REPORTING OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS IS FAR FROM A DELUGE, IT DOES REPRESENT A DISTINCT DEPARTURE FROM THE ALMOST TOTAL MEDIA SILENCE WHICH REIGNED PRIOR TO DAOUD'S RECENT INTERVIEW. WHETHER THIS NEW DIRECTION IN PUBLIC COVERAGE OF EVENTS IN PAKISTAN CONSTITUTES A PERMANENT CHANGE OF AFGHAN

POLICY OR MERELY A TEMPORARY DIVERSION REMAINS TO BE SEEN, BUT THIS NEW TACK CERTAINLY RUNS COUNTER TO THE STATUS QUO ANTE INTERVIEW, AND ALSO BELIES OTHER REPORTS WE HAVE HEARD THAT DIRECT ORDERS HAD GONE OUT FROM DAOUD TO THE MEDIA TO MAINTAIN SILENCE ON THE DISTURBANCES IN PAKISTAN AND ON BHUTTO'S TROUBLES. END COMMENT.

3. FOR LONDON. THE VERSION OF THE INTERVIEW CARRIED IN KABUL TIMES (REFTEL A) CONVEYS LITTLE FEELING THAT DAOUD REFERRED TO A THIRD PARTY INVOLVED IN AFGHAN/PAK DISCUSSIONS. IN VIEW OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTELS B AND C, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE TEXT WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN PRINTED IN THE FINANCIAL TIMES (THE IDENTIFICATION GIVEN HERE OF THE JOURNAL INVOLVED) COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO US FOR FURTHER STUDY.

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